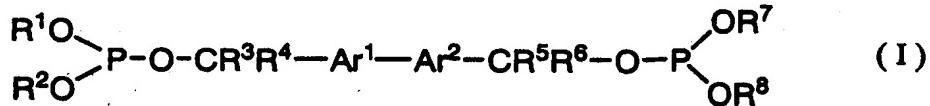


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A bisphosphite represented by **general formula (I)**:

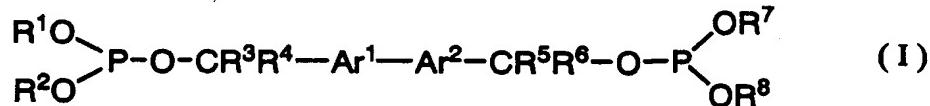


wherein

Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted arylene group;
 R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted heterocyclic group group, or R^1 and R^2 or R^7 and R^8 may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphorus atom; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R^3 and R^4 and the carbon atom bearing R^5 and R^6 are bound to their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar^1 - Ar^2 bond.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A composition containing a bisphosphite and a Group 8 to 10 metal compound, said bisphosphite represented by **general formula (I)**:



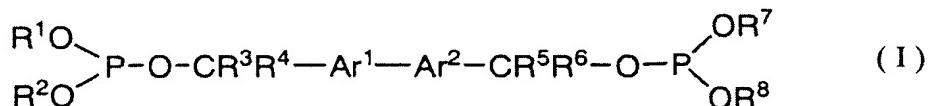
wherein

Ar^1 and Ar^2 are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted arylene group;
 R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted

heterocyclic group group, or R¹ and R² or R⁷ and R⁸ may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphor atom; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴ and the carbon atom bearing R⁵ and R⁶ are bound to their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar¹-Ar² bond.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A process for producing an aldehyde, comprising reacting an olefin with carbon monoxide and hydrogen in the presence of a bisphosphite and a Group 8 to 10 metal compound, said bisphosphite represented by general formula (I):



wherein

Ar¹ and Ar² are each independently a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group;
R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently a substituted or an unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or an unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or an unsubstituted heterocyclic group group, or R¹ and R² or R⁷ and R⁸ may together form a ring with their associated oxygen atoms and phosphor atom; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, with the proviso that the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴ and the carbon atom bearing R⁵ and R⁶ are bound to their respective arylene groups at the ortho position to the Ar¹-Ar² bond.

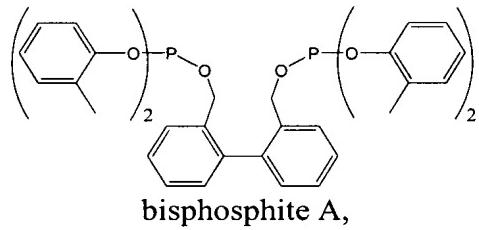
Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 3, wherein said Group 8 to 10 metal compound is a rhodium compound selected from the group consisting of Rh(acac)(CO)₂, RhCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, RhCl(PPh₃)₃, RhBr((CO)(PPh₃)₂ RhBr(CO)(PPh₃)₂, Rh₄(CO)₁₂ and Rh₆CO₁₆ Rh₆(CO)₁₆.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to claim 4, carried out at a temperature of 40 to 150°C.

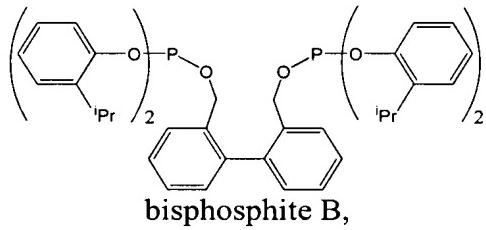
Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 3, wherein, for every 1 liter of the reaction mixture, the Group 8 to 10 metal compound is used in an amount of 0.0001 to 1000 mmol as measured by the amount of metal atom.

Claim 7 (New): The process according to claim 3, wherein the olefin is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene, propylene, 1-butene, isobutene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-heptene, 1-octene, 1-nonene, 1,6-octadiene, 1,7-octadiene, vinylcyclohexene, cyclooctadiene, dicyclopentadiene, cyclopentene, cyclohexene, 1-methylcyclohexene, cyclooctene, limonene, allyl alcohol, crotyl alcohol, 3-methyl-3-buten-1-ol, 7-octen-1-ol, 2,7-octadien-1-ol, vinyl acetate, allyl acetate, methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, methyl vinyl ether, allyl ethyl ether, 5-hexenamide, acrylonitrile, 7-octenal, 1-methoxy-2,7-octadiene, 1-ethoxy-2,7-octadiene, 1-propoxy-2,7-octadiene, 1-isopropoxy-2,7-octadiene, styrene, α -methylstyrene, β -methylstyrene, and divinylbenzene.

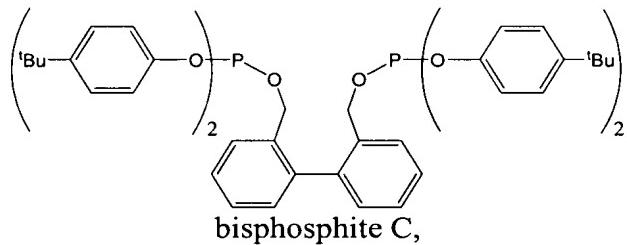
Claim 8 (New): The process according to claim 3, wherein said bisphosphite is at least one selected from the group consisting of:



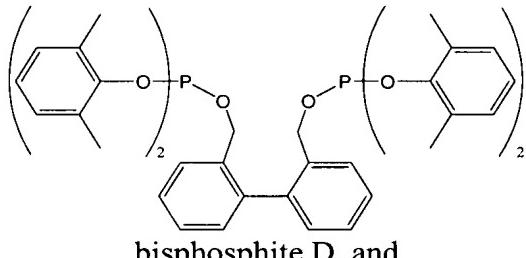
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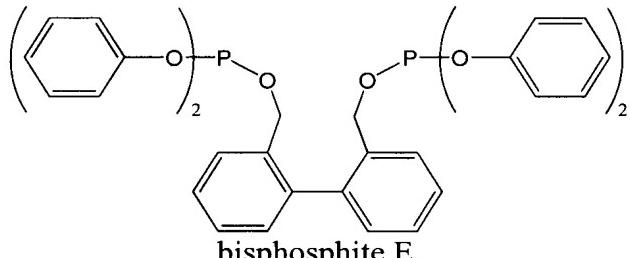
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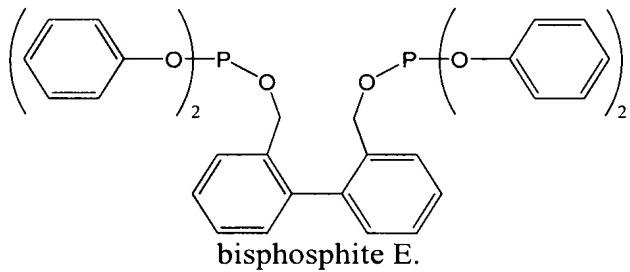
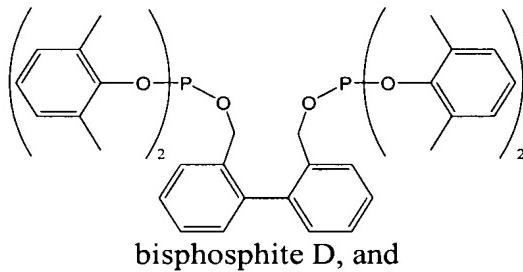
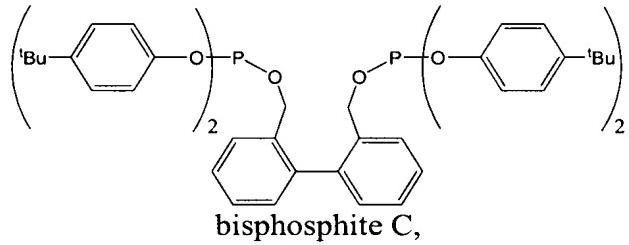
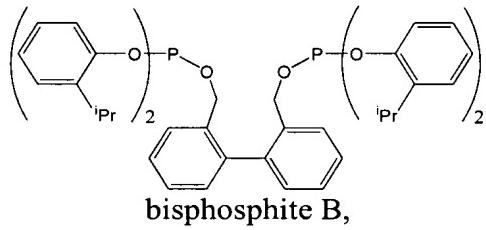
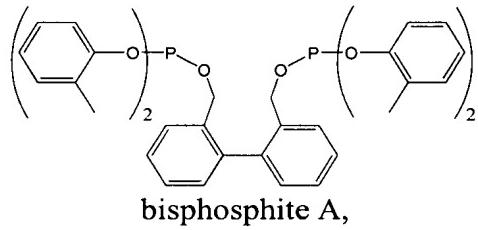


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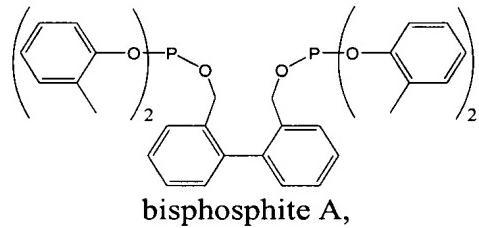


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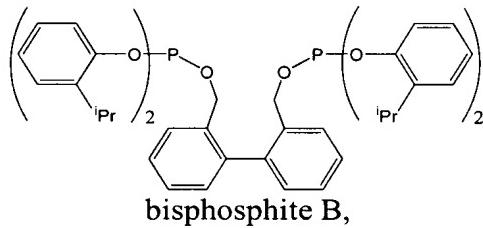
Claim 9 (New): The composition according to claim 2, wherein said bisphosphite is at least one selected from the group consisting of:



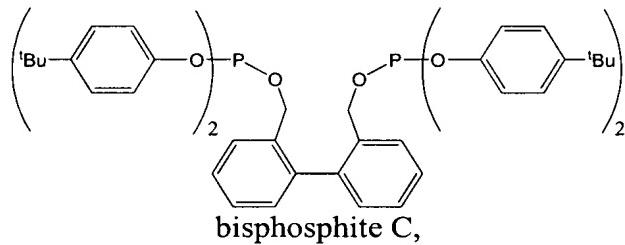
Claim 10 (New): The bisphosphite according to claim 1, wherein said bisphosphite is at least one selected from the group consisting of:



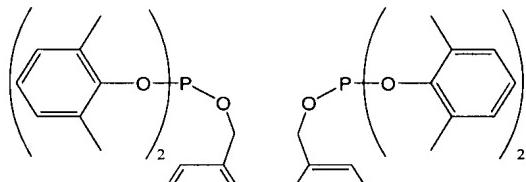
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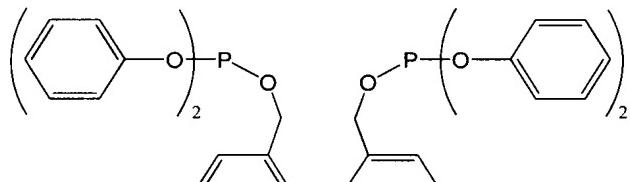
bisphosphite B,



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bisphosphite D, and



bisphosphite E.